

REMARKS

Claims 15-22 are all of the claims currently pending in this application. Claims 1-14 were previously cancelled. Claims 15-19, 21 and 22 are allowed. The Examiner objects to claim 20.

The application is in condition for allowance, with the exception of claim 20, which the Examiner indicates should be amended to change "order" in line 13 to --this order--. Accordingly, Applicants hereby amend claim 20 as required by the Examiner. Therefore, the objection to claim 20 should be withdrawn.

RESPONSE TO STATEMENT OF REASONS

With regard to the Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter, Applicants respectfully submit that the statement is ambiguous since it merely lists features that are not claimed in each independent claim and appears to paraphrase some recitations. Thus, Applicants submit that the claims are otherwise allowable, each based on its own respective recitations.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue that the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below.

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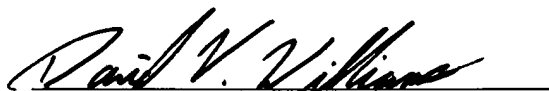
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